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In re Patent Application

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For: **POSITIONAL ISOMERS OF PEGYLATED ALPHA INTERFERON**

Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2006, Applicants provisionally elect, ***with traverse***, the invention of Group I, claims 1-6 and 11-13 further restricted to the PEG-Lys(31) species, one of only nine possible species of the presently claimed genus (see claim 2). In accordance with the Petition for an Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith, the period for response has been extended to August 22, 2006.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement for restriction is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.